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Ms. Louise Waddill, Ph.D., R.N.  
Executive Director  
Board of Nurse Examiners  
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Austin, Texas 78714

OR92-371

Dear Ms. Waddill:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 15443.

You have received a request for information about complaints filed with the Board of Nurse Examiners. *See* V.T.C.S. art. 4525. (providing for disciplinary proceedings and stating in section (b) that such proceedings may be initiated by written complaint by the board or by any person). We understand that your concerns about responding to this request are limited to providing the names and addresses of complainants, pursuant to items 5 and 6 of the request. You cite section (g) of article 4525, which, with exceptions we do not understand to be applicable here, provides that complaints and investigations under the article and information compiled by the board in connection therewith are confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act. *See also* section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act, excepting from disclosure, *inter alia*, information made confidential by statutory law.

We agree that you may withhold under article 4525(g), in conjunction with section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act, the names and addresses of complainants.

Because the applicable statutes clearly resolve your request, we are resolving

this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-371.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Walker".

William Walker  
Assistant Attorney General  
Opinion Committee

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Ref.: ID# 15443

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